

Claims

1. A medicinal composition comprising:

- 5 (a) a core in combination with a medicinally effective unit dose of one or
more active medicaments;
- 10 (b) the core being enclosed within a non-expanded film material
comprising a modified cellulose material.
- 15 2. A medicinal composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein the non-expanded
film material has a void volume which represents less than or equal to 15%
by volume of the total volume of the non-expanded film material.
- 20 3. A medicinal composition as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2 wherein the non-
expanded film material includes a first major surface having an essentially
smooth surface texture extending across a part of or the entire surface.
- 25 4. A medicinal composition as claimed in any one of the preceding claims
wherein the non-expanded film material includes a first major surface having
a roughness average (Ra) of less than or equal to 3 µm (as measured in
accordance with ASME B46.1-1995) extending across a part of or the entire
surface.
- 30 5. A medicinal composition as claimed in any one of the preceding claims
wherein the core has a viscosity of greater than or equal to 100 Pa.s. when
measured at 25°C at a shear stress of 1 Pa.
6. A medicinal composition as claimed in any one of the preceding claims
wherein the core exhibits a peak normal force of greater than or equal to 0.1
N during a squeeze flow test conducted at 25°C over 500 seconds at a
compression rate of 10 µm/sec.

7. A medicinal composition as claimed in any one of the preceding claims wherein the core is selected from an aqueous fondant core, a thickened oil, an emulsion, or an aqueous gel.
- 5 8. A medicinal composition as claimed in Claim 7, wherein the core is an aqueous fondant core which comprises greater than or equal to 50% by weight of one or more sugars and less than or equal to 50% by weight of an aqueous carrier, especially water.
- 10 9. A medicinal composition as claimed in Claim 8, wherein the core further includes 0.5 to 20% by weight of one or more thickening or viscosity modifying agents.
- 15 10. A medicinal composition as claimed in Claim 7, wherein the core is a thickened oil which comprises greater than or equal to 50% by weight of one or more oils and less than or equal to 50% by weight of one or more thickening or viscosity modifying agents.
- 20 11. A medicinal composition as claimed in claim 10 wherein the one or more oils includes 20 to 30% by weight, based on the total weight of the one or more oil, of one or more sugars.
- 25 12. A medicinal composition as claimed in claim 7, wherein the core is an aqueous gel comprising greater than or equal to 70% by weight of an aqueous phase and less than or equal to 30% by weight of one or more thickening or viscosity modifying agents.
- 30 13. A medicinal composition as claimed in claim 7, wherein the core is selected from an oil-in-water type emulsion, a water-in-oil type emulsion, or a non-aqueous emulsion.
14. A medicinal composition as claimed in any one of the preceding claims wherein the non-expanded film material comprises at least 40% by weight of the cellulose material.

15. A medicinal composition as claimed in any one of the preceding claims wherein the cellulose material of the non-expanded film material comprises hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose.

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16. A medicinal composition as claimed in any one of the preceding claims wherein the non-expanded film material consists essentially of 40-80% by weight hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose and 20-60% by weight of one or more plasticisers.

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17. A medicinal composition according to claim 16, wherein the one or more plasticisers is selected from polyethyleneglycols, diacetin, propylene glycols and glycerin.

15 18. A medicinal composition as claimed in any one of the preceding claims wherein the non-expanded film material has a thickness of less than or equal to 100 µm.

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